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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

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Date of issue 3-11-17.

Signed by Asst. P. Sec.

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File No. 91-17

Serial No. 2

No. 4280.

To

The Secy, Eco: Conferen

~~Agri Committee~~

Sir,

With reference to your letter no 2444 & 9.10.17, I am directed to request you to be so good as to state what action has been taken on the several resolutions of the Agl Committee on the subject of establishing manure depôts at certain Taluk head-quarters & with what results.

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For Secy Govt.

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GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

GENERAL AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 559 dated the 10-12-1917

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REPLY.

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No. 3687 dated the 15-12-1917.

To

The Secretary,
Economic Conference

To

The Secretary to the Government of
H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore,
General and Revenue Dept.

SUBJECT.

Requesting him to state what action has been taken on the subject of establishing Manure Depots at Certain Taluk Head-quarters.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM.

The undersigned is directed to invite attention to the marginally noted communication and to request that the General and Revenue Secretariat may be informed, in the column opposite, of the cause of delay in furnishing a reply and of the approximate date on which a reply may be expected.

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He is also to request that the General and Revenue Secretariat may be favoured with a reply to this reminder not later than the 20th of this month.

By order,
B. Narasimhaniengar
for Secy. to Govt.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith copy of letter No.1777 dated the 6th December 1917 together with the enclosure, from the Secretary, Agricultural Committee mentioning the places in which societies on co-operative lines have been started for the sale of manure through the efforts of the Co-operative Inspector, attached to the Agricultural Committee.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

M. Veeranna

For Secretary.

* Previous reminder.

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sulphate Calcium Cyanamide &c., are about double what they were before the war and are practically phohibitive. There is however a certain scope for the importation of manures from other parts of India. In fact the Agricultural Department has already been doing this and during the past official year about 100 tons of safflower cake were imported from Bijapur and distributed to sugar cane growers, chiefly in the Eastern part of the State. As the demand for manures for sugar cane increases an effort will be made to tap other sources of supply such as that of fish manure from the West Coast and supplies of oil cake in the Andhra Presidency via Hindupur. However it must not be forgotten that work in connection with the development of agriculture is proceeding in other parts of India also so that these supplies outside the State will be more and more taken up locally as time goes on.

Whether the local supplies already being used in the State are being used to the best advantage is a question which should also interest us. We may take it to be pretty certain that - unprofitably large doses of manure are a great rarity in Mysore. It is also certain that in many cases the full benefit of the manure is not obtained owing to faulty cultivation or drainage or as is very frequently the case with sugar cane, an inadequate water supply. The question of the better utilization of our supplies is therefore largely a question of improvement in cultivation methods and irrigation facilities. There is also the question as to whether valuable manures are being used on the most profitable crops. The probability is for instance that it would bring more wealth to the State if a portion of the supplies of nitrogenous manures now being used on coffee estates were utilised for sugar cane. With the increase of knowledge of the value of oil cakes for sugar cane this will no doubt right itself.

We now come to the question of distribution of our supplies and of the establishment of manure depots. In the light of the facts which have been mentioned already in this note it appears to us that such depots are really needed only in areas where the

the use of commercial manures is being taken up for the first time and where supplies have to be obtained from considerable distances. Where as is the case in large parts of Kolar and Bangalore Districts the supplies are close at hand there does not seem to be the same need for them. The question of organizing co-operative manure supply companies is quite another matter and is worthy of serious consideration. The trade in oil cakes is at present to a certain extent controlled by certain merchants in Bangalore City who advance money to the local ganigars. These advances are at times quite considerable and as the supplies of cake are by no means always forthcoming when promised may be outstanding for a long time. Under these circumstances there is little evidence that an excessive profit is made by the merchants. Where as in the Western part of the State the supplies of manure have to be shipped long distances the establishment of manure depots or manure supply companies to reduce the cost of transportation will be quite necessary if the use of commercial manures for sugar cane is to extend greatly. If a co-operative manure supply company were established at Hassan, Shimoga or Chickmagalur it could I believe do most valuable work. I do not personally see the advantage that would accrue from establishing manure depots at certain Taluk Head Quarters in Bangalore District as has been proposed by the Bangalore District Committee.

Finally the important points for consideration and action are:

1. The utilization of manurial oil seeds and oil cake which is at present going out of the State by the establishment of modern oil mills at various centres.
2. The extension of the cultivation of manurial trees such as Honge.
3. The organization of manure supply to important sugarcane tracts in Mysore, Hassan, Kadur and Shimoga Districts tapping where possible sources of manure supply outside the State.
4. The establishment of a factory for the manufacture of Calcium cyanamide.
5. The utilization of the bones which are at present being shipped out of the State.
6. The better conservation and utilization of cattle manure.
7. The spread of the practice of Green manuring in the State.

Suggestion a Committee among Deputy Directors to Agriculturists if they are to push their manures on a co-operative basis

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Copy of letter No.1777 dated the 6th December 1917 from the Secretary, Agricultural Committee to the Secretary to the Mysore Economic Conference, Bangalore.

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With reference to correspondence ending with No.3065 dated the 17th November 1917 in the matter of establishing manure depots, I am directed to forward copy of a note on the subject by the Co-operative Inspector attached to the Committee and to state that the necessity for the purchase of artificial manure in improved methods of cultivation was clearly brought home to the people by the Inspector and that three societies have already been registered in the Hassan District at Hassan, Belur and Halebid as a result of propagandist work in that district. Meetings held at various important centres of the Kadur district were not equally productive of good results as owing to the paucity of organisers the supply of manure had to be taken up by the existing credit societies themselves. It would appear that more propagandist work is necessary before many separate organisations could be started for the sale of manure.

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For Secretary.

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A brief note on the organisation of manure Depots.

The question of opening manure depots on a cooperative basis at Taluk Head Quarter places engaged the attention of the Committee's Cooperative Inspector. Attempts were made to start such organisations at Kadur and Chikmagalur in the Kadur District, at Hassan, Channarayapatna and Belur in the Hassan District and at T.Narasipur and Kannambady in the Mysore District with varied success. Three Cooperative Societies have been started at Hassan, Belur and Halebid, the liability adopted being the limited one. The existing credit society at Kadur has undertaken the supply of manure as an additional branch. Of the rural societies those at Hiremagalur and Amble have also agreed to open the supply concern as a branch.

At the instance of the Director of Agriculture, the Societies at Harihar and Chitaldrug were addressed whether they would like to have the manure supply concern as a branch. But no encouraging reply has been received. He has also suggested that Channagiri and Thirtahalli in the Shimoga District and Hiriyur in the Chitaldrug District are suitable for the establishment of Cooperative Manure ~~xxxxxx~~ Supplying Societies. The work of organisation in these places will be taken up during the month.

These societies will make arrangements with the Department of Agriculture for the supply of manure, placing an indent with the Department for the quantity required by them early in January. On the receipt of the manure from the Department, the Societies distribute the manure among the members in accordance with their indents either for cash or on credit. In the distribution, preference of course will be given to members though cash sales to non-members is not prohibited after the demands from the members have been met. The experimental stage has just begun. Many years may have to elapse before any society can be said to have been successfully established. As has been often

pointed out propagandism on a large scale is essential for the formation of a good number of societies and for their successful working and development.

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Secretary

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Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

Read.— Correspondence ending with letter no 3687 R 15.12.17 from the Secy Cos. Conference forwarding copy of letter no 1777 R 6.12.17 from the Secy, Agl Committee stating that as the result of propaganda work in the Hassan Dt, three societies at Hassan, Belur & Halebid have been started on cooperative lines for the sale of manure

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22/12/17.

Lucy Esq.
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To The Secy, Eco Conference
The Secy, Agl Committee

List of enclosures.

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